

Jackson Street Baptist in Tupelo. He was an avid collector of baseball cards and coins.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Diana Lynn; sons, Jeffery Lane and Michael Allen; and ten grandchildren.

I am grateful for the impact of men like Mr. Seals, and I commend him for his lifetime of service to family, state, and country.

HONORING COLONEL GREGORY
MICHEL

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Colonel Gregory Michel for his years of service to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. Col. Michel has led our state's emergency agency since 2018—and what a fine job he has done.

Colonel Gregory Michel retired from the military in 2017 after nearly 30 years of service to the Army. He began his career with his command at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center in Hattiesburg, MS where he served as Installation Commander.

Colonel Michel is a Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and a Combat Veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom. Col. Michel's military decorations include the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Col. Michel has remained dedicated to our state in his many roles, and during his time at MEMA was responsible for declaring more than nine Presidential Disaster Declarations, a critical piece of post-hurricane recovery efforts.

Although retirement from MEMA might be different given the pandemic, I am confident the impact Col. Michel left on our state and at MEMA will be a lasting one. I want to thank Colonel Michel for his service to our country and to the state of Mississippi.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FOSTER CITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Foster City on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its incorporation as a city on April 27, 1971. This is a young city with a long history, and it all began as a salt pond.

Leslie Salt Company sold its land, then known as Brewer's Island, to developer T. Jack Foster and a partner in 1958. The vision for the city was to develop a community that was more aesthetically pleasing, following an orderly development plan with neighborhoods that aged better over time. 218 surface acres of lagoons containing 425 million gallons of water were ultimately created within 4 square miles of land. Financing through bonds issued in the 1960's, totaling \$88.5 million, drove the creation of Foster City. Adjusted for inflation, this sum would be the equivalent of \$738 million in 2021 terms.

Now 33,000 residents inhabit this glistening four square mile jewel adjacent to San Fran-

cisco Bay. Residents love their parks and waterways. There are 24 parks and tennis courts, basketball fields, soccer fields, trails, picnic areas and an unlimited number of smiles from residents. Throughout America, this past year has been challenging because we must either shelter in place or stay distant from one another when outside. Foster City's architecture makes it simple to maintain your mental health.

You can walk a quiet street, go to a trail or park, ride a bike on flat ground throughout the city, and enjoy getting dunked in the bay when your kite sailing skills are overcome by Mother Nature. It's big news in Foster City when jellyfish show up in the lagoons. These marvelous creatures pose special challenges, but modern engineering and a bit of wisdom have kept them on the bay side of the levee system during most years. On occasion, one can even spot the descendants of Brewer Island's once most energetic and prolific of species: jack-rabbits. There's a lot for a rabbit to love about the city, filled as it is by such greenery that it would make Peter Rabbit swap Mr. McGregor's garden for a city block in Foster City.

This wonderful community loves its children. In normal times, youth sports are the center of community life for hundreds of families. Among the city's many wonderful attributes is that its inhabitants come from the four corners of the earth. If you are raised in Foster City and join a youth soccer league, you'd better be prepared for parents who grew up with a soccer ball in every closet. Coupled with all of the foreign languages heard on the streets and what you have is a city that celebrates global diversity and brings people together through sports and cultural programs that highlight the kindness of the human spirit. Global powerhouses Gilead Sciences and Visa International, companies that need to recruit talent globally, call Foster City home in part because it is so welcoming.

Madam Speaker, I close with this other special note about Foster City. In 2003, the city redeveloped its original park and renamed it after the late Congressman Leo J. Ryan. As we know, Congressman Ryan served the people of Foster City and his district until his assassination on November 18, 1978. The people of Foster City did not have to rename a park in memory of a man who died a quarter century earlier, but they did. This tells you something about the character of civic leadership in this community. These good people realized then, and now, that public service is an honorable endeavor, and that those who seek justice and pay the heaviest price because of that most important of goals have died in service to every constituent, past, present and future. Foster City does not forget. It does not forget to enjoy life and it does not forget to honor life.

In the decades to come, on the waterways and the roads, within the council chambers and city offices, and amongst the general populace, this community will thrive. Even when jellyfish bloom in the lagoons, the optimism that sparked the creation of this town never fades. Let us all wish Foster City and its residents another 50 years of friendship and progress.

IN HONOR OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMANDER HOUSSAIN "SAM" SAREINI, ONE OF THE FIRST MUSLIM-AMERICAN NAVAL COMMANDERS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Houssain "Sam" Sareini of Dearborn, Michigan. His accomplishments and service to our nation are worthy of commendation.

As a young man with an interest in government service, Commander Sareini enlisted in the United States Navy when he was 18 years old. During his first tour of duty, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and went on to study Biochemistry at Iowa State University.

Commander Sareini has served in the United States Navy for nearly 27 years in a variety of roles all over the globe. He has served as Air Defense Commander, Reactor Laboratories Division Officer, Chemistry and Radiological Controls Principal Assistant, Radiation Health Officer, Senior Watch Officer, and now Commanding Officer for the USS *Nitze*. A dedicated servicemember, he has earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

On April 9, 2021 at a ceremony in Portsmouth, Virginia, Commander Sareini took command of the USS *Nitze*, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer. He is one of the first ever Muslim-Americans to command his own naval ship. His Islamic faith tells him to "live for others" and military service allows him to do just that. A dedicated leader and an inspiration to all, Commander Sareini embodies the unofficial Navy motto of "Not self, but country."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Commander Houssain "Sam" Sareini for his invaluable service to this nation. I join with Commander Sareini's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his continued exemplary service to this country and congratulate him on this terrific achievement.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF J.T.
BYRD, JR.

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of J.T. Byrd, Jr. who passed away on December 8th at the age of 97. I send my condolences and prayers to Mr. Byrd's family and friends.

Born and raised in Mississippi, he served as Pastor of Eastlawn Baptist Church, Bethany Baptist Church and Oneal Road Baptist Church. Mr. Byrd was loved and respected by his church members, family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

I had the distinct honor of meeting Mr. Byrd and honoring his service to our country during an Honor Flight to the nation's capitol.

He leaves behind a legacy of service for us to remember him by. From his service in World War II to his faithful dedication of sharing the gospel with others, we now know he is resting in Glory with his bride.

Although we are sad to hear of his passing, we take comfort in his example of a life well lived and the legacy he leaves behind. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Mr. J.T. Byrd, Jr., a loving husband, father, man of God, and dedicated civil servant.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BARBARA IVY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ms. Barbara Ivy who passed away on February 15, 2021 at North Mississippi Medical Center. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Ms. Ivy was born to Earlie Lewis King and Munola Jones King. In 1968, she graduated from Siggers High School. She worked at Lannier Clothing and Alan White until her retirement in 2007.

On January 29, 2021, Ms. Ivy celebrated 50 years of marriage to her husband Tommie Lee Ivy. The two had three children and a stepson. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and friend. She was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church in Shannon where she served on the Missionary Society, Deacon's Wife Auxiliary, Kitchen Committee, and the Usher Board.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Tommie Lee Ivy; children, Cynthia, Octavius, Timothy, and Marcus; and nine grandchildren.

Ms. Barbara Ivy was a dedicated community servant and a beacon of love and light to all who knew her.

JASMINE TORRES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jasmine Torres for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jasmine Torres is a 12th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jasmine Torres is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jasmine Torres for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, celebrate, and honor the frontline healthcare workers of the great state of South Dakota.

Some of these South Dakota heroes are: Katherine Weyer, Kimberley Weyer, Nicole Weyer, Megan Weyerbacher, Morgan Weyer-Coates, James Weyh, Brandon Weyh, Joseph Whalen, Beverly Wharton, Kelly Wharton, Jeanne Wheeler, Rikki Wheeler, Kasandra Wheeler, Kurt Wheeler, Lindsey Wheeler, Kelly Wheelhouse, Andrea Wheelhouse, Nancy Whillock, Deborah Whipple, Alyce Whipple, Jessica WhirlwindSoldier, Barry Whisenant, Sandra Witcher, Debra White, Janii White, Timothy White, Amy White, Lynn White, Robin White, Tanya White, Nicole White, Melanie White, Arlene White, Tamber White, Shannon White, Tanner White, Nadine White, Kyle White, Amanda White, Emma White, Haley White, Bridget White, Victoria White, Rebecca White, Shaleigh White, Whitney White, Brandon White, Jessie White Hat, Kathryn Whites, Brenda Whiting, Jennifer Whiting, Tawnya Whiting, Hannah Whiting.

Samantha Whitley, Richard Whitlock, Abigail Whitlock, Teresa Whitmore, Sarah Whitney, Kylee Whitney, Jessica Whitney, Morgan Whittle, Ashley Wibeto, Kathleen Wick, Andrea Wickersham, Kristy Wickett, Kara Wickman, JoAnn Widrig, Valerie Wiebe, Jeri Wiebe, Kristin Wiebe, Paula Wiebe, Daxx Wiebelhaus, Betty Wiebelhaus-Vosler, Margie Wiebers, Cathy Wiebers, Angie Wiebers, Barbara Wiechmann, Hilary Wieck, Alison Wiczorek, Lacey Wiczorek, Krista Wiedenman, Lisa Wiederhold, Brent Wiederholt, Jeannie Wiege, Jean Wiekamp, Sarah Wielenga, Sarah Wielocha, Jill Wieman, Tanya Wiens, Bonnie Wierenga, Lindsay Wiese, Jaime Wiese, Shanna Wiese, Michele Wieseler, Abbie Wieseler, Emily Wiford, Daylon Wigart, Pearl Wigdahl Aldrich, Miranda Wiggs, Wendy Wight, Elisabeth Wightman, Jennifer Wiik, Vickie Wilbur, Glenda Wilcox, Susan Wilcox, Kimberly Wilcox, Linda Wilcox.

Lauren Wilcoxon, Gail Wild, Pamela Wilde, Jacqueline Wilde, Mandy Wilde, Kristina Wildeman, Michael Wildermuth, Deborah Wile, Alysén Wilen, Cynthia Wiles, Madison Wiley, Lori Wilford, Melanie Wilgers, Jill Wilgers, Holly Wilgers, Katie Wilk, Patty Wilkening, Meridith Wilkens, Richard Wilkins, Kimberly Wilkins, Moriah Wilkinson, Lesley Wilkinson, Sarah Wilkison, Elizabeth Will, Beverly Willadsen, Chantelle Wille, Elizabeth Willers, Kelli Willging, Candace Willhite, Debra Williams, Darlene Williams, Lori Williams, James Williams, Charlene Williams, Gordon Williams, Paul Williams, Marie Williams, Barbara Williams, Lisa Williams, Christy Williams, Jennifer Williams, Katherine Williams, Vanessa Williams, Aileen Williams, Kirstin Williams, Autumn Williams, Britt Williams, Kathy Williams, Sarah Williams, Jennifer Williams, Rebecca Williams, Blair Williams, Kristin Williams, Jael Williams, Rebecca Williams.

Barbara Williams, Melissa Williams, Amie Williams, Amy Williams, Carrie Williams,

Danielle Williams, Teryn Williams, Hanna Williams, Erin Williams, Brandis Williams, Hannah Williams, Annette Williams-Buthe, Marcia Williamson, Carrie Williamson, Brian Williamson, Travis Williamson, Alec Williamson, Mary Willis, Damian Willis, Alana Willis, Stephen Willison, Catharine Willms, Randi Willms, Robert Willoughby, Jessica Willprecht, Wendy Willrodt, Jennifer Wills, Rhonda Willson, Kelie Willson, Hannah Willson, Patricia Willuweit, Jessica Willuweit, Elizabeth Wilson, Cheryl Wilson, Tracy Wilson, Teresa Wilson, Joanna Wilson, Janice Wilson, Terrie Wilson, Donnelle Wilson, Catherine Wilson, Brenda Wilson, Kevin Wilson, Joslin Wilson, Leslie Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, Nicole Wilson, Alexandra Wilson, Stephanie Wilson, Mark Wilson, Lara Wilson, Barbara Wilson, Amy Wilson, Ladonna Wilson.

Holly Wilson, Lili Wilson, Michelle Wilson, Kayleen Wilson, Kristen Wilson, Angel Wilson-Crowe, Glenda Wilts, Kimberly Winckler, Kimberly Winckler, Nichole Winckler, Amanda Winckler, Contessa Windeshausen, Marlaree Windish, Scott Winegar, Katherine Wingate, Julie Wingen, Kathy Wingert, Jennifer Wink, Christina Winker, Hayley Winklepleck, April Winne, Sara Winnett, Betsy Winney, Amy Winrow, Christine Winrow, Jennifer Winsell, Sandra Winter, Colleen Winter, Eileen Winter, Denise Winter, Debra Winter, Mary Winter, Megan Winter, Elizabeth Winter, Venita Winterboer, Andrew Winterboer, Michelle Winters, Haley Winters, Krystyna Winters, Rachel Wintle, Eva Wipf, Rochelle Wipf, Dawn Wipf, Julianne Wipf, Sara Wipf, Emily Wipf, Bridget Wipf, Diane Wirth, Kylie Wirtz, Diane Wirtzfeld, Page Wise, Margo Wishard, Larissa Wishard, GERALYN WISSINK, Elizabeth Withane Abbott.

Laura Withorne-Maloney, Jean Witt, Nichola Witt, Amy Witte, Megan Witte, Alaina Witte, Joan Wittmeier, Amanda Wittmeier, Roxanne Wittmeier, Jennifer Wittrock, Tammi Wittry, Sally Wobig, Lynze Wobig, Kamber Wodtke, James Woehl, Christina Woehl, Samantha Woehl, Connie Woehlhoff, Norma Wohler, Gala Woitte, Nichole Woizeschke, Joyce Wolber, Carly Wolberg, Rebecca Wolbrink, Kristine Wolbrink, Samrawit Woldemariam, Linda Wolden, Kami Woldt, Carly Woldt, Colleen Wolf, Jessie Wolf, Amber Wolf, Malynda Wolf, Jana Wolf, Laurel Wolf, Tyanna Wolf, Muriah Wolf, Melissa Wolfe, Liana Wolfe, Kelsie Wolfenden, Diane Wolff, Rebecca Wolff, Kayla Wolff, Britni Wolff, Andrea Wolff, Ashley Wolfgang, Leslie Wolfname, Rachel Wolkow, Sandra Wollan, Stephanie Wolles, Brenda Wolles, Susan Wollman, Debra Wollman, Adam Wollman, Anna Wollman, Angela Wollmann, Emily Wollmann, Bryce Wollmann, Macy Wollschlager, MaClay Wollschlager, Lauri Wolter, Kelly Wolthuis, Kara Wolthuisen.

Amber Wolthuisen, Kristina Wong, Jacqueline Wonenberg, Daniel Wonenberg, Kelly Wood, Blaire Wood, Jelsie Wood, Colin Wood, Mary Woodard, Mary Woodburn, Amber Woodcock, Cristy Woodcock, Lauren Woodley, Patricia Woodraska, Tara Woodraska, Connie Woodring, Kathy Woods, Sally Woods, Amanda Woods, Matthew Woodson, Teresa Woodward, Gayle Wookey, Holly Wookey, Elizabeth Wookey, Shayna Woledge, Makayla Woledge, Diane Woolery, Patricia Woolridge, Natalie Woolridge, Bernadette Wootten, Anita Wootton, Kaylee Wootton, Amanda Worlie,